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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 8, 2023

In Attendance:

Directors: Branford - Dagmar Ridgway; Hamden - Dan Kops; New Haven - Tomi Veale; New Haven - Doug Hausladen; and North Branford - Mary Bigelow

Not in Attendance: Directors: Bethany – Craig Riegelhaupt

GNHTD Staff: Mario Marrero, Executive Director

Guest: Niclas Ferland (Counsel to the District), Joseph Carfora (East Haven Mayor)

Call to Order: As a quorum was present, Chairman Mary Bigelow called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Ms. Bigelow welcomed the new Executive Committee members.

Executive Director Report: Mr. Marrero provided district, operational and administrative updates including the latest COVID-19 impacts on the District.

Mr. Marrero mentioned that the agency continues to participate in the ConnDOT quarterly Transit District meetings, ConnDOT monthly meetings, and the SCRCOG Transportation and Policy Board meetings. The agency continues to hold Operations, Safety Committee, and Managers meetings. The agency also held a vehicle purchasing meeting in March. Mr. Marrero also informed the Executive Committee members that he has been appointed a non-voting transit member of the MPO board.

The agency is currently working on the RFP for the Encompass program. Mr. Marrero updated the Executive Committee on the Triennial Review process and progress. The Compliance Officer continues to conduct internal departmental audits and the Districts Certification and Assurances were submitted to FTA in February.

Mr. Marrero informed the Executive Committee members of the F-7 Notice filed by Teamsters 443 for the upcoming collective bargaining agreement.

Mr. Marrero provided facility updates to the Executive Committee.

GNHTD continues to work on new initiatives. The agency installed a Q' Straint One wheelchair securement system on a bus for trial.

GNHTD staff continues to attend seminars, workshops, and conferences. Mr. Marrero shared with the Executive Committee the ongoing recruitment efforts of the agency. The agency hired and trained a driver during the month of January. The agency also hired 4 dispatchers and 5 drivers who are currently attending the March onboarding training.

A discussion ensued regarding Edmund Street Facility's next steps. The Executive Committee tasked Mr. Marrero with setting up a meeting with ConnDOT for updates. Mr. Marrero stated he would send the new members past information to bring them up to speed on the progress.

There being no further business brought before the committee, Ms. Bigelow asked for a motion for adjournment. On a motion by Dan Kops and seconded by Tomi Veale, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dagmar Ridgway, Secretary